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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): HIROI, ET AL.
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Group: Not assigned
Examiner: Not assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 9, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1, between lines 2 and 3 to insert:
--This is a divisional application of application serial no. _____, attorney docket no. 501.40830X00 (HIROI, et al.), filed November 8, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original claims 1-15 without prejudice to the right to file such claims in a properly filed divisional application.

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